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## Sonny Fry Orchestra Engaged For Board of Trade Dance

On next Friday, April 12th, one of the best dance orchestras in Alberta today, will make their first appearance in this section of the province when they visit the local community hall. Sonny Fry and the Gentlemen of Music, an orchestra that has gained considerable recognition as the leading dance orchestra in the province, will strike up the band at nine thirty in the evening and continue for over four hours to satisfy even the most critical dance goers, with music styled to give you itching feet.

This will very likely be Sonny's last appearance at the rural point for this season as it is understood he is leaving for the east to fill a summer engagement at a lake resort. Each member of his seven piece orchestra is a recognized artist and will undoubtedly be featured in solo numbers. In addition to excelling on the traps, Fry himself, is a real showman and has perfected numerous impersonations of leading radio and screen artists such as Benny Goodman, Joe Peener and several others.

### Boy Artist to Appear

Accompanying the orchestra when they play at Bassano next week will be Allen Paterson, the 12 year old boy soprano who is being watched and coached by several national radio sponsors. Allen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. "Pat" Paterson of Calgary, is to sing a few vocals with the orchestra. The committee in charge will also endeavor to have Allen Paterson do a dance number during the supper intermission.

In spite of the fact that a large crowd is expected at this dance, one will have no difficulty in hearing the music at the farthest corner of the hall as an up to date microphone and amplifier system will be set up for this dance.

The committee in charge of arrangements are sparing no effort to make this dance the most outstanding social affair ever to be held in Bassano. The floor will

## RECRUITING OFFICERS TO VISIT BASSANO

### To Interview Recruits In Harvey Smith's Office

Lieut. C. V. B. Corbett, Recruiting Officer, and a fellow officer of the Calgary Highlanders, C. A. S. F., will be in Bassano on Monday afternoon next, April 8, for the purpose of interviewing prospective recruits into the Highlanders. The Officers will be at Harvey Smith's office between the hour of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The presence of these Recruiting officers will afford young men of the district an opportunity to recruit with an active force in the present war. Recruiting officers visited Bassano shortly after the outbreak of hostilities last September, and at that time numerous applicants were interviewed. However, at that time, all were not accepted.

It is expected that a number of men from outside points will come to Bassano for the purpose of enlisting with the Highlanders.

### U. F. A. CANCEL PARTY.

The Bassano U. F. A. Local have cancelled their party, scheduled to have been held in the Countess Hall on Friday April 6. The party will, however, be held as soon as road conditions improve sufficiently to permit motor travel.

be in perfect condition, first class music is assured and a delightful luncheon is being planned. What more could one wish for?

The admission to this dance is very nominal considering the type of entertainment and a free supper so plan now to reserve April 12th, for a bountiful helping of recreation and at the same time help the Board of Trade continue their work of community building. Remember, April 12, at Bassano with Sonny Fry and the Gentlemen of Music.

## To Supply Music at Board of Trade Dance on April 12th



## PROSPECTS GOOD: LOTS OF MOISTURE

### Approximately Ten Inches of Snow This Week.

A near record in the quantity of snow to fall in the district was established the first three days of this week when approximately ten inches of snow covered level ground, following a three day storm. Starting the early part of the week, the snow fell continuously, letting up on Wednesday morning. A light wind during the early part of the storm caused considerable drifting.

Last week, approximately seven inches of snow fell in a three day storm also. Thus snow during the past two weeks would total up to approximately seventeen inches.

However, a couple of warm days last week saw much of the snow disappear, and on Saturday last, the ground was practically bare. At time of going to press this week the sun is shining quite brightly and there is every indication that a mild spell will turn this weeks snow into water. Temperatures have hovered well above the zero mark throughout the week. Most serious damage reported by the storm is the blocking of main roads and side roads. Motor transportation in practically all parts of the district has been brought to a standstill.

Bus schedules between Calgary and Medicine Hat were cancelled on Wednesday of this week, and newspapers from Calgary reached Bassano by train late Wednesday evening. It is understood that the main highway is covered by drifts in the Duchess area, and near Gleichen. Side roads in the district are also in poor shape, due to heavy drifts of snow.

Moisture prospects in the district are reported to be excellent this year. Snow throughout the winter has furnished ample moisture to give crops an early start. However, spring work on the land has been set back as a result of the late snows. Provided there is no more snow, it is expected

## Regular Meeting of Town Council Held Monday Evening

certain rate per kilowatt hour and not as at present based on the consumer cost per month."

One Tax Consolidation Agreement and one application for relief were approved by the council.

One application to purchase certain lots within the limits of the Town was referred to the property Committee.

The Town Engineer reported that there had been one burial in the cemetery during the month of March. The intake at the local pumping plant had been repaired, and a new check valve installed. However this valve was unsatisfactory, and a new one was ordered. To date, the new valve has not been secured, and the plant is operating temporarily with the old one. The gas plant was operating during the month and was found to be in good condition. Both pumps at the pumping station are operating satisfactorily.

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment:

Accounts for Payment, April 1.	
Woodmen's Comp. Bd.	\$ 4.92
Dept. Mun. Affairs	193.49
Alta. Gov. Tele.	15.17
Calgary Power Co.	295.91
Bassano School Dist.	700.00
Pay Roll for March	427.55
Alex. McFad	10.00
Mother's Allowances	12.50
Dept. Public Works	7.00
McLaws and Gordon	50.49
Alta. Pac. Grain Co.	20.40
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J. H. Stiles	1.60
L. R. Edwards	63.25
Wallace & Tierman Ltd.	24.64
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Farmers Meat Market	6.75
Jas. Johnston	13.35
Bassano Recorder	8.69
Adam Meidinger	3.10
Louis Conn	24.58
	1977.90

## George Stiles Reported Missing

Observer Sergeant George Stiles of the Royal Air Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stiles of Bassano, was reported missing on Thursday of last week, following operations of the Air Force in the Old Country. George, in company with Robert Harper, left Bassano two years ago for England, where both lads succeeded in entering the Force shortly after their arrival there. Since that time, Stiles has been highly spoken of on numerous occasions for his splendid work as an observer. Mr. and Mrs. Stiles received word that he was missing by cablegram.

### RED CROSS MEETING POSTPONED

The Red Cross Meeting scheduled to have taken place on Wednesday evening of this week, April 3rd, was postponed indefinitely due to bad weather conditions and poor roads. Lt. Col. Tomlinson, Commissioner of the Calgary Division of the Red Cross, who was to speak at the meeting, will endeavor to make an appearance in Bassano at some later date, although it will not be known for some time just when this will be. Officers of the local Red Cross Branch ask readers to watch for an announcement of the date of Col. Tomlinson's visit.

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## BOARD OF TRADE DANCE

ONE OF THE THINGS which make a good town is good entertainment and opportunity for amusement. You will doubtless find both at the Board of Trade Dance, April 12. One of the best orchestras in Alberta is providing the music, the Masonic Hall has a good floor, neither feminine beauty or masculine gallantry are lacking in Bassano. It is therefore with no hesitation that we recommend to all and sundry the forthcoming dance and ask that you by your attendance support the Board of Trade and thereby support the Town.

## ELECTIONS MAKE LITTLE DIFFERENCE

ALTHOUGH THE latter half of the month just past will be conceded by the vast majority of Alberta residents to have contained mixed blessings in the results of the Federal and Provincial general elections, it will also be conceded that elections results, bad, good or indifferent will have but little effect on the potential rise in the index of prosperity which has resulted from the heavy snows of the past two weeks. No government can influence the weather. It is therefore with a feeling of great peace that we look upon the battle scarred fortnight just past and bless the weatherman for sending something upon the inherent goodness of which we can all agree.

## AGNES C. MCPHAIL

IT IS WITH REGRET that we note among distinguished members of the last Federal Parliament who lost their seats Agnes C. McPhail for 20 years the U. F. A. — Labour member representing the Ontario constituency of Grey-Bruce is numbered. It may we think be said of Miss McPhail that in her 20 years in the House she disagreed with the government of the day more often than she agreed. She said what she had to say with an honesty and clarity worthy of praise and with respect to others concerned it may we think be said that she did more to justify her sessional indemnity than the great majority of the members of the House.

With the tremendous majority with which the Government has been returned one must also weigh the truth of the proposition that it is not by dead uniformity alone the world is enriched. And be it said Miss McPhail was anything but uniform.

## Other Editors Say: - -

## BRITISH PRIME MINISTER

The Calgary Herald writing about Mr. Neville Chamberlain, British prime minister in connection with his birthday last week (he was 71) says in part: . . . Today as head of the British government it devolves upon him to make the final decisions, many of which are of vast consequence and importance. Yet he seems to thrive on hard work and responsibility. At 71, he finds himself the driving power in the Empire's war and devotes an energy to the task which he has aroused the admiration of his younger colleagues. Until about a year ago Mr. Chamberlain fought for his policy of appeasement by every means at his disposal. . . The word "appeasement" is no longer in his dictionary.

## CAR LICENSES DUE

As April 1 rolls around, the annual car licenses fees come due. During the next month, owners will have to purchase 1940-41 licenses plates, and drivers licenses. Don't forget the driver's license.

Although Ontario has seen fit to return to the old custom of requiring new licenses at the beginning of the year, it is unlikely that Alberta will ever make the change to the old system. The March 31 expiration date has proved very satisfactory, bringing a minimum of waiting and lamenting, and a minimum of delay in purchase of new licenses. Those who are year-round users of cars, have got over the

hump of the expensive winter months, and are in better financial position to buy their car licenses. For those who live in the more snowbound, northerly parts, where cars are not in use during the winter, April first is the logical start of their car year.

One of the most notable developments in the change of the license years, is the prompter payment for new plates. In the old days, people delayed purchasing for two or three months after the date of expiration, taking back trails and postponing the fatal day as long as possible. This was great annoyance to police and must have complicated collections at Edmonton. There is much more reluctance to impose on the good nature of police under the present system. Perhaps it is because license are so much more conspicuous in the Spring sunshine. At any rate one rarely sees old license plates in evidence after May 1.—Vulcan Advocate.

## CONFUCIUS WAS RIGHT

We ran across this saying of Confucius the other day (and this is a genuine Confucius-say, not one of the collection of phonies now going around): "Life is really simple, but men insist on making it complicated."

In our tanglefooted and cross-purposed world of today, isn't this quiet word from across the ages (Confucius lived 551-478 B.C.) worth almost anybody's pondering for a few moments? new and then, business or professional men tormented by suspicion of their

## A MAGNETIC MINE DISSECTED

The story was printed of what happened when one of the German magnetic mines which have been doing such damage to shipping on the high seas was discovered stranded on a sandbank in the Thames estuary. The story is worth elucidating.

The mine with the magnetic bomb weighed two tons or a ton, and contained 750 pounds of high explosives.

Now, here was this huge bomb lying on the sandbank off Shoeburyness, a potential monster whose explosion could blow a steamship in two. So what to do about it?

The information to be had was tremendously important. No one as yet, outside Germany, knew how these deadly things were operating.

The tides were rising and falling sometimes covering it. So, at a favorable time, 4:30 a.m., a party of experts from H. M. S. Vernon under Lieutenant-Commander J. G. D. Ouvry arrived and, treating the monster with great gentleness and respect, secured it so that it would not be moved by the tide stream and by the light of torches took templates of the tools they would use in order to take it to pieces.

It was then covered by the rising tide, but the interval was utilized in making the necessary tools in non-magnetic material. At 12:30 the next day—less than 15 hours after it was found—Lieutenant-Commander Ouvry started his perilous task of dissecting. He did not ask anybody else to go.

He did it step by step, informing the others who remained at a safe distance, exactly what he was going to do at each operation, "in order," says the London Times, "that if anything that he did should cause the mine to explode the next investigator should know of at least one operation to avoid."

What do you think of this. Lieutenant-Commander Ouvry of the British Navy, who goes up to the great bomb of which nobody knows the secret—which, if he touches it off, will not leave anything of Lieutenant-Commander Ouvry that will ever see again, calmly leaving word with his party to watch carefully just what he will be at when he is blown to smithereens.

And so, Lieutenant-Commander Ouvry discovered the secret. A delicate magnetic needle in the shell of the mine, which when agitated by the magnetism of the ship's hull moving above it, would complete an electric circuit and so fire the 750 pounds of T.N.T.

Then the party moved up to join the Lieutenant-Commander—and they must have felt pretty shaky when they discovered a second detonator on the mine.

They did their work—but if ever a braver thing was done than by this British naval officer when alone he went forward to investigate the mine, we do not remember it. How can the stuff of which such men are made be defeated in the end?—Ottawa Journal.

associates or hatred of their competitors . . . idealists despairing of the human race because it is so human . . . married couples expecting impossibly much of each other (or not enough) . . . parents worried sick because they can't live their children's lives for them . . . young people perplexed by the world unfolding ahead of them . . . anybody who has let life turn himself too much in upon himself—to all these, we'd like to pass along this diamond that was cut and polished by the great sage of China 2,400 years ago. It looks to us like a blue brilliant of at least 60 carats: "Life is really simple, but men insist on making it complicated."

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The average soldier who joins up to defend his country does so for his love of that country and really has nothing material to defend.

He probably joins up because he can't make a decent living and goes to war knowing that his family will not suffer the privation it has done for the past eight or nine years.

The guy who has been making the big dough all through the depression will stay out while he makes some more and regards the war as a splendid thing instead of the horror it really is.—Gleichen Call.

ly the largest donation per capita of any province in Canada."

## HUSSAR CURLING CLUB MEETS

The Curling Club of Hussar held an organization meeting recently and elected the following officers for 1940: President, Ben Snyder; Vice-President, H. D. Brown, and Secretary-Treasurer, H. B. Stitt; they are also the executive. The curlers have had a good year here, and are very enthusiastic over the sport.

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Or if He trusted it to me

I might be sad.

What if tomorrow's care were here  
Without its rest?I'd rather He unlocked the day  
And as the hours swing open  
say—

"My will is best!"

The very dimness of my sight  
Makes me secure.

For groping in my misty way—

I touch His hand I hear Him  
say:

"My help is sure."

I cannot read His future plans,  
But this I know—I have the smiling of His face  
And all the refuge of His grace,

While here below,

Enough—this covers all my wants;

And so I rest—

For while I cannot, He can see,

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Farm chemurgy—the new ally of agriculture—is aimed to bring to the consumer new things and necessities of life at low cost and yet provide greater income for the farmer, said Cecil Lamont on his return from attending the Sixth Annual Chemurgy Conference of 1,000 leaders of American Agriculture, Industry and Science held in Chicago. Mr. Lamont represented the Line Country Elevator Companies at the conference.

At the meeting Mr. Lamont put forward a proposal that the Farm Chemurgy Council form an Eastern and Western Canadian Division. The proposal will be considered by the newly elected Board of Directors of the Association at their spring meeting. Mr. Lamont has been asked to submit proposed names of Canadian representatives to act on the Board of Directors.

Leaders in Science outlined to the gathering the new discoveries of research for finding new industrial concern said that his Company has spent \$87,000,000 since 1902 on scientific research and 40 per cent of its sales are now made up of products which were not known or in use 20 years ago. This company is now spending \$7,000,000 annually on research. Each new product which it brings out requires an average of six years of preliminary research. On May 15th it will put a new type of silk stockings on the market made from coal, air and water which it is contended will largely replace silk stockings. It is claimed that these "nylon" stockings are identical with silk hose and are run-resistant and will wear much longer than ordinary silk.

The four regional research laboratories erected by the United States Government will be in operation this year. They are dedicated to finding new industrial uses for farm products and the government is expending \$4,000,000 annually for their upkeep.

Mr. Lamont said that the Northwest Line Elevators' Association will make further representations to the Dominion Government for the appropriation of funds for the establishment of a Western Division of the National Research during the coming session of Parliament. The purpose of this laboratory will be to find new uses and extend markets for wheat and other products of the western farm.

Figures were presented to the Chicago meeting to show that industrial concerns of the United States spend two per cent of their gross income on research while only one-seventh of one per cent of farm income is spent on research into finding new uses and extending uses for farm products. Mr. Lamont pointed out that the amount being spent on research in Canada for new uses for farm products is now practically nil.

The Chicago meeting heard of the great strides which have been made in finding thousands of new uses for soya beans, milk, corn, coal and wood. From cellulose, a product of wood, 10,000 new things including clothing were being made. New uses were being found for casien, a product of skim milk, also from corn and soya bean products. Entire experimental bodies for cars and aeroplanes had been made from soya bean proteins. Synthetic rubber had been made from coal, limestone and water, which assured car users against the high costs of rubber which prevailed during the last war. In Arkansas alone, one of the poorest and most backward of the States, 90 new industries had been established for the processing of new industrial commodities being made from products of the farm.

Glass that stretches is a new commodity which will be on the market within a short time, said Mr. Lamont.

Leaders of 4-H organizations

of the United States were present at the gathering. The tendency on the part of these farm leaders was to frown on government subsidies to farmers in the way of "export subsidies, acreage control and reduction and ever nominal granaries," which they contended had failed in their purpose. The farm leaders advocated tariff protection for home-grown farm products and looked forward farm chemurgy as the salvation of the United States farmer. They advocated replacing surplus wheat acreage with agricultural commodities which were now being imported. Increased acreage of flax, sugar beets and creation of range lands for cattle and sheep out of marginal wheat lands was advocated.

These farm leaders also advocated chemurgy as this means of creating new industries. This, they contended, would bring about more employment which in turn would create greater purchasing power and resultant higher use of wheat per capita.

The conference was informed that Russia was now producing 1,000,000 acres of sun-flowers for oil extraction from sun-flower seeds. There were great increases of acreage devoted to sun-flowers taking place in the Argentine also. Mr. Lamont pointed out that this is a commodity which could be grown in Canada to advantage. Use of skim milk by industry had increased from 1,659,000,000 pounds in 1920 to 9,308,000,000 pounds in 1937. Casien made from skim milk was being used for making buttons, belt buckles, plastics, paints, pastes, clothing, leather, tanining, and scores of other uses. This was also an industry which could be developed for the use of waste skim milk in Canada.

Mr. Lamont pointed out that Board of Trade, Universities, and the great industrial leaders of the United States were heartily supporting the chemurgy movement in the United States. He urged that similar interest be taken by those interested in farm prosperity in Canada. "One of the best means of doing this was to support the demand for a Western Division of the National Research Council," he said.

**MOON'S BLACKOUT OF SUN  
VISIBLE APRIL 7**

The country will be treated to a rare celestial show on Sunday April 7, when the moon will black the sun in an annular or ring eclipse.

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**HUSSAR SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CELEBRATE EASTER**

The Sunday School, with Miss Marjorie Burdett as superintendent, held an Easter Gathering on Sunday, with an interesting and appropriate program. The Sunday School has been re-organized recently, with the same officers as last year.

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## Why Germany is "Blockaded"

by Prof. Ernest Barker

Dr Barker, holder of high degrees in literature at Oxford and Cambridge Universities, is one of Britain's most lucid political thinkers. In this article he discusses in simple language the political aspects of the Allied "blockade" of Germany.

A blockade is, strictly and technically, the shutting or blocking of a particular place, or of a whole frontier, in order to stop ingress and egress in time of war.

A naval blockade is the blocking and besetting by ships of a harbour or whole coast; and, if it is to be real, and not a "paper blockade", the ships must be actually there.

In the strict sense of the term, no naval blockade of Germany has been proclaimed. In actual fact two sets of measures have been taken by Great Britain—one for restricting the ingress of commodities into Germany, and the other for preventing the egress of commodities from Germany—which approximate to the nature of a blockade.

It is important to notice, before we consider these measures, what have been, and are, the measures taken by Germany, which the British measures are designed to answer and counter-act.

The German measures which began to be taken immediately on the outbreak of war, from Sept-

ember 3 onwards, were measures of attacks by submarine, mine, and aeroplane, on shipping (British, French and neutral) proceeding to and from British ports, with a view to preventing ingress and egress.

They were indiscriminate measures, in the sense that they were undertaken, from their very nature without any preliminary examination of the character or cargoes of the vessels attacked; they were also indiscriminate, in a deeper and far more tragic sense, in that they necessarily resulted, again from their very nature, not only in the destruction of ships as well as of their cargoes, but also in the destruction of life.

The British counter-measures, whatever economic loss they may have inflicted, have been doubly indiscriminate.

They have been undertaken only after preliminary investigation of the character and cargoes of the vessels against which they have directed. They have not resulted in the destruction of ships, and still less in the destruction of life.

Whatever the proportion of the economic loss caused to neutrals by the British measures in comparison with that caused them by German measures, that is a vast and total disproportion in the loss of life caused by the one set of measures in comparison with that caused by the other.

### CARGOES FOR GERMANY

The first set of measures taken by Great Britain was directed to restricting the ingress of commodities into Germany.

This took the form, usual in all sea-warfare, of a list of arti-

cles of cargo intended for Germany which would be treated as contraband of war and seized accordingly.

The list which was published on the second day of the war, September 4, fell into two parts.

The first part included articles of absolute contraband, such as arms and ammunition and chemicals, which would be seized in any case.

The second part included articles of conditional contraband, such as food, food-stuffs and clothing, which would be seized if there was a presumption that they would be used in the conduct of war. (Food and food-stuffs can be used for the purpose of making explosives as well as for the purpose of sustaining life.)

The seizure of articles of absolute or conditional contraband involves search of ships and their cargoes; such search involves delay (which in some cases may be considerable); and the delay of ships is a costly business for their owners. In that way, and for that reason, the British system of searching neutral ships for the contraband has caused trouble for neutrals.

On the other hand Great Britain has introduced, by a decision made on November 22, a modification of her system of contraband control which is intended to expedite the passage of cargoes on neutral ships. She has instituted certificates, or (as they may be called) commercial passports, which may be obtained by a neutral firm of shippers from the British Embassy in the country from which a cargo is shipped, and which have the effect of reducing to a minimum, when they are given, the delay and the consequent cost involved in contraband control.

### EXPORTS STOPPED

The second set of measures taken by Great Britain has been directed to preventing the egress of German exports and the consequent strengthening of German resources by the payment made for those exports.

These measures were taken, at the end of November, in answer to an extension of the methods of German naval warfare which involved the use of floating and unanchored mines dangerous alike to neutral and British shipping.

The answer made is to declare that exports of German origin or ownership are subject to seizure on the high seas, in the same way as imports which constitute contraband of war.

In the application of this measure, and for dealings with any disputes about actual origin or ownership of commodities, an Enemy Exports Committee has been appointed, under the presidency of one of the highest British judges.

But the measures certainly affects neutral shipping adversely, and diminishes the profit which such shipping might make in carrying cargoes of German origin or ownership, and it also prevents neutral countries from importing German commodities which they may wish to purchase.

It has accordingly caused concern in neutral countries, and has led to protests from the Governments of Denmark, Holland and Belgium, and also Japan. On the other hand, Germany has complained that neutral countries, and especially Holland, have not taken active steps in reply, such as arming merchant ships or organizing them in convoys.

### LIVES COUNT MOST

In selecting subject-matter for a picture, include only those things which are needed to tell the story. The more details you include, the more complex the picture becomes—and simplicity may be lost.

Of course, in many cases you cannot simplify the subject-matter or obtain an ideal background. Then take the subject as it is, rather than miss a good opportunity. But, whenever possible, aim for a simple arrangement and appropriate setting. Such effort leads to finer pictures.

The simple subject-matter and plain background lend appeal to this child study. Strive for simplicity in your pictures.

**SIMPLICITY** is an outstanding feature of most good pictures. And an excess of detail—especially confused detail—is seen in most pictures that are not up to par.

Mark Twain once wrote: "As to the adjective; when in doubt, strike it out." That is a good rule for the camera user. When you're in doubt about including some detail or omitting it—do the latter. It's a safer course.

Nearly every picture includes a main subject which should be shown clearly. If the background is full of detail, it draws attention away from the main subject. Details in subject and background may even seem to run together, so that there is no clear separation. Thus, the picture is spoiled.

It is easy to prevent this. Often, a change of camera position will change the whole background. In indoor shots, the background can often be cleared by moving one or two objects—such as a standing lamp or wall picture. Things such as this should be eliminated, unless they are proper and essential parts of the picture.

Strongly patterned backgrounds are to be avoided—especially in pictures of a person. Use a plain tone—a light-colored wall, for example, as in the attractive shot of the child at the typewriter, above. For blonde subjects, pick a light-toned background; for blonde subjects, either dark or light will do.

If you have a focusing camera with fast lens, background pattern can be diffused and subdued in many cases. Simply move the subject as far from the background as is practical, and use a large lens opening. The background will then be out of focus and less obtrusive.

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263 John van Guilder

It is not the business of Germany, as it is, certainly not the business or the intention of Great Britain, to teach neutral states the correct interpretation of neutrality.

It is the one intention of Great Britain to inflict the slightest possible damage on neutrals in the course of the conduct of naval hostilities with Germany.

That some damage, in the sense of some loss of profits, must be

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## News Notes From District Correspondents

## NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Village of Hussar Assessment Roll 1940.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll of the VILLAGE of HUSSAR for the year 1940, has been prepared and is now open for inspection at the office the secretary-treasurer from ten o'clock in the forenoon to four o'clock in the afternoon every day which is not a public holiday, except Saturday, and on that day from ten o'clock in the forenoon until two o'clock in the afternoon, and that any person who desires to object to the entry of his name or that of any other person upon the said roll or to the assessment of any property or to the assessed value placed upon any property, must within thirty days after the date of this notice lodge a complaint in writing with the secretary-treasurer.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1940.

Margaret C. Bell, Secretary-treasurer.

## HUSSAR

If possible, there will be church services on Sunday at noon, April 14th, with Rev. S. Marshall of Ogden preaching. There has been no church services for two months owing to the condition of the roads.

The teachers managed to get out to Calgary on Thursday for their holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. N. McLeod, motorized to Calgary on Tuesday.

Mr. Loren Moffat, of Spokane, came down from Calgary on Wednesday, with Mr. Ivan Montgomery, to visit with his mother and the family for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Snyder and Son, Clifford, motored to Arrowwood on Friday to spend the week end with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Clifgard and Miss June Clifgard.

Mrs. C. T. Armstrong, who has spent the winter in the east and in California, arrived home on Wednesday.

Mr. Andy Brown, who spent six weeks visiting relatives in Ontario arrived home the first of last week.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick and infant daughter, arrived home from Bassano the first of the week.

## Recruits Wanted!

**The Calgary Highlanders,  
C.A.S.F., Want Men In Good  
Physical Condition and of  
Good Appearance.**

HEIGHT REQUIRED 5 ft. 7 1/2 in.

(unless applicant has exceptional educational qualifications)

**Recruiting Officer Will Be  
At Bassano**

1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, April 8th

## NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE WATER USERS OF THE EASTERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT WILL BE HELD AT:

**The Gayety Theatre, Brooks**

on the 25th day of April, 1940, at 2:00 o'clock

AND AT

**The Community Hall, Countess**  
on the 26th day of April, 1940, at 2:00 o'clock

for the purpose of receiving the auditor's report of the finances of the district up to the preceding 31st day of December and for the purpose of receiving the reports of the manager, secretary-treasurer, and trustees of the district.

Dated at Brooks, Alberta, this 1st day of April, 1940.

L. C. CHARLESWORTH  
General Manager

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Clearing lines in mens Work and Dress Socks; Shirts sweaters and leather coats at real low price. Come in and see.

Tomatoes, peas and corn special, 8 tins	\$1.00	Salt for stock, 125 lbs., \$2.25
Coffee, Ambrose, Spec., lb. 39c	17	\$1.00
Super suds or Jiff	Laundry Soap 6-25	25
2 pks., large size	45c	\$1.00
Pineapple or Plums	25c	Dont forget we carry a complete line of soft drinks.
Corn Flakes Special, any 3 pkgs.	25c	large 30 oz. bottles for only 10c, any flavor, order with your groceries.
Sweet Biscuits, assorted	45c	Fresh fruits and vegetables always on hand.
Choice Roasts lb. 15c — Steaks	20c	20c — Pork sausages 2 lb. 35c
Cheese, Weiners, Bacon, Hams, Fresh Eggs, Butter.		

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## Classified Advertisements . . .

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## FOUR CENTS A WEEK

acting for the French government. The hoses would be mainly the light draught type weighing from 1,250 to 1,350 pounds.

An illuminating answer to the question why a family spends four cents a week for a subscription to its own local newspaper is furnished in the following editorial from the Canadian Statesman of Bowmanville.

Four cents a week means just a little more than half a cent a day. It's a small amount. The average child wastes more than that every day. A special sale, advertising a 30 cent item for 25c, will save seven cents, paying the cost of the newspaper and giving a profit of three cents. You pay more than three cents a day to rent a book. The home newspaper cost half a cent a day; and did you ever see anybody reading a book who didn't lay it aside promptly when the newspaper came? Every member of the family, from nine years of age up—children, parents, grandparents—find something of great interest in the home newspaper.

That can't be truthfully said about any book or any other periodical. It costs more per week for any of the following than it does for your home newspaper: four cigarettes one package of gum, a bar of candy, a cup of coffee. When you've finished reading your newspaper, every other member of the household can still use it. You can't say that about gum, candy, or tobacco.

Mary Goudie was a week-end guest of Margaret Freeman. Sunday visitors at the Freeman home were Mr. and Mrs. H. Mott, Sid Gosling and Harvey Fuller.

Mrs. T. Picket was the guest of Mrs. E. Merthew on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Roads in the Lathom district are practically impassable after the last two weeks of wet weather.

We are all hoping for the speedy recovery of Mrs. J. Swanson who is at present a patient in the Bassano Hospital.

There is a rumor around that John T. Broomfield would resign his seat in the Alberta Legislature, to make way for E. L. Gray. When interviewed by the News regarding the truth of the report Mr. Broomfield gave it a most decided denial, stating that there was absolutely no foundation for any such remark and that he had no intention of giving up his seat.—Nanton News.

## BORN AT THE HOSPITAL

To Mr. and Mrs. L. Clark Vlett, Gem, a son on March 24th, 1940.

To Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Purcell, Duchess, a son on March 24th.

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## Local Items of Interest

Bob Donaldson of Brooks was a Bassano visitor over the weekend.

### SERVICE STATION INSTALLS NEW EQUIPMENT

Pierson's Service Station recently installed a New Sioux Valve Seat Grinder, a machine that will greatly improve the work of Tractor overhauling. With the new equipment, tractor owners in the district will find it no longer necessary to send their tractor heads to Cluny or Calgary for overhauling, but may have this work done in Bassano. The local garage guarantees all work on tractors and motors of any description, and persons intending to have their equipment overhauled before the spring rush are urged to inquire at the Service Station for full particulars.

### COAL CHUTE BEING REPAIRED

The C. P. R. Coal Chute in Bassano is undergoing an extensive program of repair this week. A crew of men have overhauled all equipment, engine, cables, buckets and bins. During the overhauling, a steam shovel has been used to replenish the coal supply on all trains passing through town. This shovel has proven of great interest to many local citizens who have gathered in the vicinity of the station to watch it operate. The large shovel operates on its own power, and can move up and down the track at the command of the operator. Coal is removed from large dump cars by a dipper on the shovel, and is dropped into the engine tender.

### PREMIER ABERHART THANKS SUPPORTERS THROUGHOUT ALBERTA

Thanking all who supported the Social Credit government in the provincial election, Thursday, Premier Aberhart congratulated them for "standing true to their convictions" when he spoke at the Calgary Prophetic Bible Institute, Sunday afternoon.

The greater part of the service was broadcast.

"May I take just one moment to thank all those who gave us their whole-hearted splendid support, not only in the City of Calgary where I was signalized honored in the first count, but also in every other part of the province where men and women did the best they could."

"I was delighted with the honor the people of Edmonton bestowed upon Mr. Manning, in electing him on the first count also. (Mr. Manning headed Edmonton polls with a record vote.)

"I think it was one of the most vigorously fought elections since Alberta became a province in 1905. In fact, during the whole term of our office, the barrage of propaganda has continued without ceasing."

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Mr. and Mrs. Phipps were Sunday visitors in the Foothills city.

Mrs. C. E. Cole of Carseland spent the week-end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Cary.

Miss Florence Playfair returned to Medicine Hat on Sunday to resume her teaching duties.

Mr. Clive Nesbitt of Brooks spent last Sunday visiting in Bassano.

Mrs. Leo Newby and Mrs. Porter of Brooks spent Tuesday evening in town visiting at the Redmond home.

Mrs. E. P. Currie of Calgary, spent several days last week visiting in town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Thompson.

Mrs. Jack Edwards and infant son of Edmonton are visiting at the home of Mrs. Edwards' parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morrison.

La Vern Cole of Carseland who spent the week visiting in Bassano, returned to his home on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Currie returned to Bassano on Sunday afternoon after spending the Easter Holiday visiting in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Summerbell of Brooks spent the week-end visiting at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Summerbell.

Miss Florence Kennedy and small niece of Seattle Wash., returned to their home at the coast on Sunday morning after spending a few days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. L. Y. Bernie.

Don't forget the R. C. Altar Society Shetland Pony Raffle, to be drawn at the Gem Dance on April 19th. Tickets on this pony are very reasonable, and may be purchased through any member of the Local Catholic Church.

Pupils of the school and dormitory are busy these days preparing for the Bassano and District Music Festival to be held in the Masonic Hall on April 26th. It is understood that several of the classes are preparing plays to enter in the Dramatic Division of the Festival.

Those who attended the R. C. Altar Society dance in Bassano on Friday evening last reported a very enjoyable time, with splendid music supplied by the Tonettes orchestra of Brooks. The Altar Society wishes to thank all those who supported the affair, and Mr. H. Beeber of Bassano, who acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Word has just been received by the Session of Knox Presbyterian Church that the Rev. Mr. Garadian, B. A., B. D., of High River, will be in Bassano on Sunday next, April 7th, to conduct the services at the usual hours. The session trust all members and adherents of the Church will be present.

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